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A Letter Opposing Kleindienst

Seattle

A Seattle architect said yesterday he has written the Senate Judiciary Committee protesting the appointment of Richard Kleindienst as Attorney General because Kleindienst "frustrated" an opportunity for early release of his kidnaped father-in-law.

Dennis F. Kane, son-in-law of Dr. Claude L. Fly, U.S. soils expert who was kidnaped in Uruguay in 1970, said Kleindienst had recommended that Fly be "sacrificed."

Kane charged that Kleindienst "lacks the most important qualities necessary as a representative figure-head in the judicial branch: tact, true concern for human rights and wisdom."

Kane said Fly had "an ex-

cellent opportunity to be released" in December, 1970, while he was "still a healthy man."

Uruguayan Tupamaro guerrillas kidnaped Fly Aug. 7, 1970, and released him in poor health on March 2, 1971.

"The demands for release of prisoners in exchange for Dr. Fly's freedom had been dropped (by December 1970)," Kane said. "Humanitarian efforts being made for his release were in delicate balance.

"At that time Mr. Kleindienst suddenly announced to the world that any ransom demands or negotiations with kidnapers would never be considered. In fact, he recommended that any kidnap victim less than the President or Vice President

and their families be sacrificed." *

He said as a result, "any opportunity for Dr. Fly's release was frustrated by this pronouncement of 'new national policy,' of which Dr. Fly's family was never advised."

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